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COMPONENTS OF A SONET SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) dated May 29, 2001. Please charge the extension fee of \$400.00 to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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